

# Here are some of our favorite ideas from 2009's California Arts Day.

See how these arts organizations described their events. Note that some are an hour long; others take place over days or weeks. Some target children; some are discipline specific. Many are free events. Some charge admission. Take a look and find inspiration for your own local event. ***What can YOU and YOUR ORGANIZATION do for 2010 California Arts Day?***

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## **Create Art Now! - Redwood Recreation Leadership Laboratory**

*Create Art Now!* is an opportunity for adults and focused, arts-minded teens to spend a day using the creative process and experimentation in mixed media or traditional art in a seriously playful setting. Come for a few hours or stay all day! Bring your own basic art supplies or share the ones that will be available. Original Artwork for Sale, Make it & Take It workshops, Lecture/Demos, Learning Circles, Materials Swap & Sale, Free Stuff Tables, Music Corner. Lunch is included with pre-registration

**Date:** 10-10-2009

**Cost:** \$18

## **East Bay Culture Corridor and 510Arts.com Launch - City of Oakland**

Oakland/East Bay Arts Happy Hour: An enhanced First Friday arts event in recognition of **California Arts Day**, "A World of Art in Oakland and the East Bay." An arts community appreciation and networking event. launch of 510Arts.com and OaklandArts.org websites. Food and entertainment, downtown gallery, restaurant and "nitespot hop" (free shuttle); light-based and kinetic art show for the arts community and public; preview of Uptown public art vision and new Oakland and East Bay arts websites.

**Date:** 10-02-2009

**Place:** *Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Oakland*

**Cost:** Free

## **Taste for Art - East Bay Express**

This fall season, the East Bay Express' Taste for Art party ventures to Berkeley, ground zero for all things delicious and delectable. This event taking place on **California Arts Day** will feature:

- Small plate tastings from celebrated East Bay restaurants
- Beer, wine, and spirit samples
- 35 artist studios exhibiting and selling locally produced art
- Film screenings from the Oakland International Film Festival
- Live acoustic music
- Aerial dance performances, sword fighting demos, live glass blowing
- Three-sided interactive poetry tower

Food and beverage proceeds from the event will benefit the Mo Better Food, Oakland International Film Festival, and River of Words, a children's program that teaches environmental literacy through poetry and art.

**Date:** 10-02-2009

**Cost:** \$10 suggested donation

**First Friday Art Walk - Artists of River Town**

Local downtown businesses host artists at their store from 4-7:00pm for the First Friday event in October, coinciding with **California Arts Day**, Oct. 2. Artists Demonstrations, Oils, Acrylic, Printmaking, Jewelry, Pottery, and more. Light refreshments served at most stores.

**Date:** 10-02-2009

**Place:** *Downtown Oroville, Oroville*

**Cost:** free

**Arts Celebration at City Hall - City of El Cerrito**

Join the Arts and Culture Commission for an afternoon Arts Celebration at City Hall. This free event features film, music, and gallery exhibits for the entire family to enjoy!

**Date:** 10-17-2009

**Cost:** Free

**The Crayon Court - Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center at College of the Canyons**

Starting on **California Arts Day**, Oct. 2, journey to the land of the Crayon Court, a whimsical, interactive and colorful playground praised by critics and children alike. With trumpets blaring, these life-sized crayons take the audience on a vivid ride with surprises around every corner -- from a dip to the bottom of the sea to a visit from the dinosaur rock band! Created and directed by two-time Emmy-nominated puppeteer, Thom Fountain, the Crayon Court is filled with colorful characters and magical music in a performance definitely outside the (crayon) box!

**Date:** 10-02-2009 thru 10-03-2009

**Place:** *College of the Canyons, Santa Clarita*

**Cost:** \$8-\$15

**Salinas Arts Day 2009 - First Fridays Art Walk**

Salinas celebrates **California Arts Day** with live music, arts in the streets. The Arts Council for Monterey County and First Night Monterey sponsor Art at the First Mayor's House - puppets, music, and much more. Mayor Donohue presents Speaker's Corner - Artists for Peace - join us in celebrating the arts!

**Date:** 10-02-2009

**Place:** *Oldtown Salinas, Salinas*

**Cost:** Free

**Harvest Moon Vittles & Fiddles - PlacerArts**

Rita Hosking & Cousin Jack will headline the "Harvest Moon Vittles & Fiddles" benefit dinner and show on Friday, October 2nd at the historic Blue Goose Fruit Shed in Loomis. Other performances will include Mountain Laurel, Common Sense, and Blu Horse. This **California Arts Day** event -- featuring slow food and bluegrass music -- will begin at 6pm. Net proceeds support public arts programs for families and children

**Date:** 10-02-2009

**Cost:** \$35 Dinner & Show; \$15 Show Only

**Poet Laureate Resolution - Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission**

In honor of **California Arts Day** and **National Arts and Humanities Month**, the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission will officially inaugurate our new Poet Laureate, Bob Stanley, through the presentation of a resolution at City Council.

**Date:** 10-06-2009

**Place:** *City Hall, Sacramento*

**Cost:** Free

### **Alice In Wonderland - California Ballet**

**Follow That Rabbit** with Choreography by Charles Bennett. Based on Lewis Carroll's famous children's tale, this magical dance adaptation follows Alice on her adventures and encounters with extraordinary characters including the Mad Hatter, the Queen of Hearts, the March Hare, the White Rabbit, and Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum. Charles Bennett's choreography is set to a collage of musical selections by composers including Joseph Strauss and Gioacchino Rossini. Discount or free tickets to the Preview Dress Rehearsal on **California Arts Day** (Friday, Oct. 2) are offered to schools and help organizations.

**Date:** 10-02-2009 thru 10-04-2009

**Cost:** Minimal cost Preview (Oct. 2); \$25-\$45 (Oct. 3-4)

### **First Friday Open House - Bravo School of Art**

**Art School for Children and Adults.** Please join us for Bravo School of Art's free First Friday Open House taking place from 6-9pm on **California Arts Day**, Oct. 2. Visit our brand new facility in the newly restored historic Barracks 19 Art & Design Center in NTC Promenade at Liberty Station. See instructor demonstrations, an artwork exhibition, and register for workshops. Bravo School of Art offers one-day workshops in art for adults and children to explore their creativity in a safe, supportive and fun environment. A wide variety of hands-on art, craft and home decorating workshops for the experienced and novice artist alike are offered. Workshops may include Mosaic, Mural Art, Floor Cloth, Book Arts, Digital Photography, Collage, Mixed Media, Drawing, Painting (Watercolor, Acrylic, Oils), Weaving, Basketry, Jewelry Making, Printmaking and more. Saturday mornings are devoted to children's workshops, such as Fish Printing, Paper Craft: Recycled, Self-Portrait, Clay Play and more. Bravo School of Art's one-day workshops are the perfect venue for busy people to get creative without the long-term commitment of time and money.

Taught by experienced and highly qualified, working artists who are eager to share their skills, these workshops provide students with the creative outlet they've been seeking. No previous art training is necessary. If you have a specific field in mind, or you'd like to just test the waters of the wonderful world of art, Bravo School of Art is a perfect match for you. We enthusiastically teach all aspects of art from theory to technique or just for fun!

**Date:** 10-02-2009

**Cost:** Free

### **"America's Finest City Dances" - San Diego Ballet**

As "America's Finest City," San Diego boasts some of the most celebrated entertainment venues, breathtaking scenery, and vibrant communities in the nation. For our 20th Anniversary Season, San Diego Ballet has commissioned photographer Graham Blair to shoot our artists against a backdrop of the natural beauty and rich culture of our hometown. These images highlighting the grace and artistry of our dancers and juxtaposed against San Diego's iconic locations will be exhibited on **California Arts Day**, Friday, October 2, from 6:00-9:00pm at the Mandell Weiss Gallery at Dance Place San Diego.

**Date:** 10-02-2009 thru 12-31-2009

**Cost:** Free

### **Open Studios Art Tour Preview Exhibition - ARTS Obispo**

What better way to celebrate **National Arts and Humanities Month** in California than to visit artist's studios throughout scenic San Luis Obispo County! The Open Studios Art Tour, SLO County's largest visual arts event, takes place during 3 weekends in October and features the work of over 220 artists on display in studios, galleries and exhibition spaces. The Open Studios Art Tour showcases the quality and diversity of art produced on the Central Coast. Discover the

work of inspired artists and unique art spaces as you enjoy the scenery of SLO County's beautiful beaches, coastal hills and mountains. There will be a gala kick-off reception for the Open Studios Art Tour on **California Arts Day**, Friday, October 2 from 6-9:00pm during Art After Dark in ARTS Space Obispo. **The reception and exhibition is free and open to all.**

**Date:** 10-02-2009 thru 10-23-2009

**Cost:** Free

### **"The Art In Me" Postcard Mail-Out - Song of Place Poetry Project**

Sixth-grade students at Franklin Elementary School in Santa Barbara are creating original postcards on the theme, "The Art in Me," which they are mailing a person of their choice to announce **California Arts Day**.

**Date:** 09-02-2009

**Place:** *Franklin Elementary School, Santa Barbara*

**Cost:** none

### **First Friday Art Tour - Arts Council of Tulare County**

Celebrate **California Arts Day** in Downtown Visalia by Chad R Homan. *Got Art?* Downtown Visalia certainly does... where Friday evening, 10-02, starting at 6pm., the Arts Council of Tulare County (ACOTC) continues its First Fridays Art Tour. With an expanded version, the tour's celebrating Friday's **California Arts Day** -- a signature event of the California Arts Council -- promoting the arts through presentations by local organizations statewide. This singular annual affair is also a tribute to community artists -- each one a thread in our cultural tapestry -- the higher the thread count, the richer the fabric. The evening's tour itself is a self-guided exploration of cultural venues at local businesses catering to art-lovers. Each is within walking distance of the other, featuring work from artists of the area and hosting a mini-reception. Several locations will feature the artists themselves, many performing live demonstrations. Each location has maps of the tour available with a brief program description of all locations.

**Date:** 10-02-2009

**Place:** *Downtown Visalia - Various locations, Visalia*

**Cost:** Free

### **Moorpark Gourd Art Show - City of Moorpark**

Be a part of Ventura County's 9th Annual Arts Week Celebration! Moorpark's Annual Gourd Art Exhibit opens on **California Arts Day**, Friday, October 2. A special reception will be held Wednesday, October 7 from 3-7 p.m. and the public is invited to attend; light refreshments will be served. Regular exhibit hours are 9am - 4pm, Monday through Friday. The exhibit closes Thursday, October 8.

**Date:** 10-02-2009 thru 10-08-2009

**Cost:** Free

### **Junk 2 Genius Team Art Competition & Environment Art Field Trips - Davis Art Center & reCREATE**

The Davis Art Center, in partnership with Roseville-based nonprofit reCREATE, is inaugurating a new family-friendly event this fall that will celebrate California Arts Day while promoting recycling and encouraging creative artistry. For "**Junk 2 Genius**," teams of artisan gladiators will compete for the coveted "Trophy du Trash" in a timed "**sculpt-off**" using recycled materials. Each team will receive a box of similar items and race against the clock to create their own unique work of art. When the closing bell sounds, a panel of judges will critique the final green giants and name the winning team. The festivities will also include **arts projects for kids** using a variety of cast-off materials, a hat-making contest for all ages, and a silent auction of gently used purses filled with mystery items along with tools, sports stuff and gadgets for men

– plus food, beer, wine and music. Before the competition, schoolchildren will take **field trips** to the Art Center for activities involving creative reuse.

**Date:** 10-02-2009

**Cost:** Free

### **California Arts Day Celebration & Art Farm Gala - YoloArts**

For the second year, YoloArts will be hosting a daylong celebration of the arts in Woodland on **California Arts Day**, Friday, October 2. Taking place in and around the County Administration Building, the event will feature the Gallery 625 Art Farm exhibit open to the public all day. Beginning at 3pm, the Crocker Art Ark will open its doors to the community. The Art Ark is a mobile building featuring interactive activities designed to inspire the imagination of children and art explorers of all ages. Interactive art demonstrations will begin on the patio of the Administration Building at 3:30pm, featuring portrait drawing by Juli Ann Blanco and the creation of clay objects using a pottery wheel with Mark Abildgaard. Live music by the "Dropped Roses" will punctuate the later afternoon. The Art Farm Gala and reception begins at 5:30pm and features an art "harvest" of the Yolo County farm-inspired art on display in Gallery 625, and the music of roaming, singing cowboy, Steve Drivon. Options to harvest one of these original artworks are \$150 and can be purchased online or by phone. Each of the 40 works of art available for harvest has a value of at least \$150, with many valued over \$500. A silent art auction will also be part of this event that will feature locally grown and prepared food. Wine tasting will be offered by Rominger West Winery.

Admission is \$10 for the food, wine and auction portion of the event. All proceeds raised by the Art Farm Gala will be used to support the Art & Ag Project that brings county artists to local farms and seeks to create a connection between the art and agriculture unique to Yolo County culture. All of the art on exhibit was created by artists participating in the Art & Ag Project.

**Date:** 10-02-2009

**Cost:** Free